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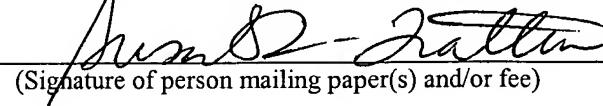
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2006. Because the deadline for response fell on February 26, 2006, a Sunday, the filing of this response on February 27, 2006 is timely. Thus, no additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, in the event that a Petition for an Extension of Time and a fee are necessary for the entry of this paper, such petition is hereby made, and the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5069 for the appropriate fee or for any other fee that may be necessary for the entry of this paper.

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